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**Patent Application**

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AMENDMENT - REMARKS

This is in response to an Office action dated July 20, 2009.

Claim 56 was rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,216,231. A terminal disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application that would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent 6,216,231 was filed on March 9, 2009, and the Examiner stated that is it currently pending approval, and no further action is required of applicant at this time. Applicant assumes, therefore, that this rejection will be overcome once the terminal disclaimer is, in fact, approved.

Claim 56 was rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,256,741. A terminal disclaimer that overcomes this rejection is enclosed herewith.